Use of Helicopters to Flush out Militants

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to use helicopter gunships of the Indian Air Force on a regular basis to demolish terrorist hide-outs in mountain terrains and jungles of Jammu and Kashmir area; and

(b) if so, the success achieved by such drive so far to flush out militants?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:)(a) and (b) Helicopters were used in Doda District on 25th March 2000, during a combined operation of Army and the Air Force. The operation was a success. Further use of helicopters in a gunship role in J&K would depend on the tactical situation.

Appropriate steps continue to be taken to tackle the terrorists in J&K.

Pending Power Plants in A.P.

*634. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether two proposals for setting up power plants in the Andhra Pradesh by Private sectors are pending clearance from the Central Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken for early clearance to solve the power shortage problems;

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) Presently, two proposals for private sector power projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh, the 520 MW Krishnapatnam "A' power project of M/s GVK Power Krishnapatnam Limited and the 240 MW Jegurupadu Phase-II project of M/s GVK India Ltd. stand returned by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) due non tieing up of

certain essential inputs by the concerned project developers. The Krishnapatnam "A' project was returned on 20.4.2000 and the Jegurupadu phase-II project on 10.3.1998. The pending inputs for the Krishnapatnam "A' project include recommendation by the Government of Andhra Pradesh (GoAP) on the Detailed Project Report (DPR)/cost, authorisation of GoAP under Section 18A of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, compliance of Section 29(2) and (3) of the said Act, fuel transportation arrangement, coal linkage, clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), clearance from the State Pollution Control Board for the proposed Jetty, revalidation of NOC given by Airports Authority of India, etc. The pending inputs for the Jegurupadu phase-II project include State Government clearance under section 18A of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, fuel transportation compliance of Section 29(2) of the said Act corrigendum of capacity and cost, revalidated clearance from MoEF for 240 MW in place of 350 MW, firmed completed cost, power evacuation and State Government's recommendation on DPR/cost. The above inputs/clearances are to be tied up by the respective project developer. GoAP has been requested to provide all help to the promoters to finalise the pending inputs. Discussions also have been held with the developer with a view to expedite clearances.

Power Plants in Rajasthan

*635 SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals submitted by Indian and foreign private companies as well as PSUs for setting up power plants in the State of Rajasthan during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and till date;

(b) the total number of power plants established in the State during the above period and the total amount of investment envisaged for these projects; and

(c) the steps taken so far for expeditious implementation/completion of Projects in the State indicating target of power production set for 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF POWER AND MINISTER OF MINES AND MINERALS (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The details of proposals received in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) from PSUs for setting up of